

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Nov. 24 Institute Day - No School
Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec 8 - 10 Poinsettia Plant Pick-Up
Dec 17 Ethnic Fest

Dear Families,

We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving Break with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back on November 29th!

SPECIALS

Music

Students will be using recorders this week in music. Please make sure your child brings his/her recorder to school or purchases a new one from me for 5 dollars.

Chorus

Congratulations to the chorus for a wonderful performance at International Night! Information on the chorus' main concert will be coming soon.

Spanish

Students have acted out and recorded the story with their groups. They are fantastic actors! They will be having an oral and written test next week on the story. Students can still read the story to someone for 10 extra points. <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

Visit the **Holmes Digital Backpack**
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Reading/Literature

Students will take a comprehension assessment on McBroom the Rainmaker this week. Book reports were due today (Monday). Students were asked to self-evaluate their book reports both in the areas of effort and achievement. The next book report assignment will be given when we return from Thanksgiving Break. This next book report will be due on January 7th. Students should select a book and begin reading.

Math

Graded fractions unit tests will be returned to students next week. Next week, we will continue working with rational numbers. We will build on the skills we have learned (finding equivalent fractions and converting between fractions and mixed numbers) and work on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. We will have one more unit test prior to winter break.

Science

After creating and testing lifeboats last week, the students will be graphing the information they found and making predictions on how many "passengers" (pennies) boats of different sizes can support.

Social Studies

This week, students will receive a rubric and choices for presenting information about their explorer to the class. Presentations will be due **Tuesday, December 7.**

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